

**MINUTES OF CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 27, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting, on Monday, September 27, 2021. The meeting was live-streamed on the County's Facebook page.

The following were present:

Vice-Chairman James E. Haigler, who presided
Councilman John Nelson
Councilman Ken Westbury
Councilman Cecil Thornton
Administrator John McLauchlin
Clerk to Council Vickie Stoudemire

Absent: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr.

The following press was notified of the meeting by mail, electronic mail, or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times, The Times and Democrat, and Sandy Run News. An Agenda was also posted on Calhoun County's website calhouncounty.sc.gov.

Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Haigler called the meeting to order.

Invocation

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Amendment to Agenda

Administrator McLauchlin asked that Council approve amending the agenda to include a Resolution that was received today and needs to be approved in a timely manner. Councilman Westbury made a motion to amend the agenda to include a Resolution concerning Lone Star Solar, LLC. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Vice-Chairman Haigler opened public hearings on the following:

1. Ordinance 2021-18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF

EXCESSIVE NOISE AND NUISANCES, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TO SET CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AFTER NOTICE

There were no questions or comments from the public.

2. Ordinance 2021-19 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 50-31 AND SECTION 50-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (MOBILE HOMES)

There were no questions or comments from the public.

3. Ordinance 2021-20 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OF SALE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES

There were no questions or comments from the public.

Vice-Chairman Haigler closed the hearings.

Ordinance 2021-20 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CALHOUN COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OF SALE FOR CERTAIN PROPERTIES was presented for third reading. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass third reading of Ordinance 2021-20. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of the September 13, 2021 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Westbury to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Councilman Westbury advised that the Recreation Committee had met with the Calhoun County School District concerning a Memorandum of Understanding for use of the proposed new Recreation Complex. He stated that this would be a partnership between Calhoun County, The Town of St. Matthews, and the Calhoun County School District. He explained that the County has purchased 57 acres on Saints Avenue intersecting with Chestnut Street. An architectural firm has been hired and the County will be issuing 2 million dollars in bonds for construction of the Complex, which will include a regulation size football field, 2 soccer fields, a pickle ball court and tennis courts. It will also include a walking track and a playground. This will all be done in Phase 1 of the project.

Appointments

Councilman Haigler advised that Christopher Goff has resigned from the Fire Commission from the Jumper Station Department. He added that the Department would like to have Carson Krasselt appointed to fill the position by **Resolution 18-2021**. Councilman Nelson made a motion to pass Resolution 18-2021 appointing Carson Krasselt to the Calhoun County Fire Commission from the Jumper Station Department to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Goff. Councilman Westbury seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamations

None

Appearances

None.

Resolutions

1. **Resolution 19-2021** SETTING THE MILLAGE AND LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX CREDIT FACTOR FOR 2021-2022 was presented for passage. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass Resolution 19-2021. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Councilman Westbury made a motion to pass a Resolution (Resolution 20-2021) AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENT TO EXHIBIT A TO TWO FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENTS BETWEEN CALHOUN COUNTY AND LONE STAR SOLAR, LLC ("LONE STAR") AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Councilman Nelson made a motion to transfer funds from the Federal Covid Relief Funds to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Department to be used as one-time bonuses. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. Councilman Westbury asked for a roll-call vote. The Council voted as follows: Councilman Thornton – aye; Councilman Haigler – no; Councilman Nelson – aye; and Councilman Westbury – no. As a result of the tied vote, the motion failed for lack of majority.

New Business

None.

Ordinances

1. Ordinance 2021-19 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 50-31 AND SECTION 50-36 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (MOBILE HOMES) is on hold.

2. Second Reading of Ordinance 2021-18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CALHOUN COUNTY TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT OF EXCESSIVE NOISE AND NUISANCES, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TO SET CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY AFTER NOTICE is on hold.

Administrator

1. Administrator McLauchlin introduced several new employees, shown on attachment.

2. Next, Administrator McLauchlin advised Council that the Planning Commission had approved a zoning change for Tax Map #30-00-01-019 from Residential Neighborhood (RN) to Community Commercial at its May 20 meeting. This change now needs approval of County Council. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve the change as stated. Councilman Nelson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Mr. McLauchlin then let Council know that another Countywide litter pick-up is scheduled for October 15.

Executive Session

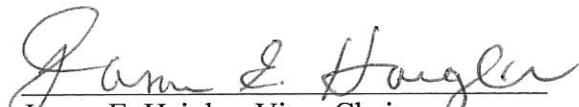
Councilman Westbury made a motion enter into Executive Session to discuss a Security Issue; a Personnel Matter in Administration; and Economic Development projects Honey Hole and Big Paw. Councilman Thornton seconded, the motion passed unanimously, and Council entered into Executive Session.

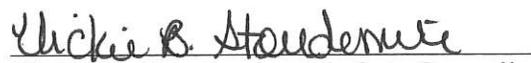
Council returned from Executive Session to vote on a contract matter. Councilman Westbury made a motion to approve a contract for financial services with Paragon Advisory Services, LLC for a one-year period. Councilman Thornton seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

Councilman Westbury made a motion to adjourn with Councilman Thornton seconding. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


James E. Haigler, Vice- Chairman


Vickie B. Stoudemire, Clerk to Council

